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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 1. Special Branch Addition

REPORT

Date September 17, 1940.

Subject (in full) Letter from H.B.M. Passport Control Office requesting information re JANUS (JANOS) MARK, Hungarian.

Made by ..... and ..... Forwarded by D.S.I. Logan.

See also E. 3120

Reference letter dated 17/9/40, from H. B. M. Passport Control Office, British Consulate-General, requesting information regarding one JANUS (JANOS) MARK, a Hungarian, a copy of report on this individual made by C. 1., dated August 29th., is attached hereto.

Logan

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D. C. (Special Branch)

Sent, 18/9.

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August 29, 1940.

Re Janus Mark, Hungarian,

From a conversation with Mr. J.J. Ypma, assistant and acting clerk of the Netherlands Consulate-General, which, at present is temporarily in charge of Hungarian interests, it would appear that the Christian name of Mark is Janus and not Fanus.

According to Mr. Ypma, Mark appeared before him with an expired Hungarian passport No.A339088 and requested either an extention for it or a new one. He was issued with a temporary Netherlands passport No.N.S. 188 valid for one year on April 2, 1940. He was allowed to keep the old passport for identification purposes. He stated, and produced a personal card, that he was manager of the Crystal Mineral Water Factory in Bangkok and wished to travel to Japan or North China on business.

Before leaving he requested a loan of money from Mr. Ypma. This was refused and he was referred to the Hungarian Relief Association, 209 Yuen Ming Wuen Road where he also applied but without success.

There, requests for money raised doubts in the mind of Mr. Ypma as to Mark's genuineness but since that time he has had no information regarding Mark.

Mr. P. Komor of the Jewish Immigrants Association was next interviewed. His information regarding Mark is as follows :-

Ex-Hungarian Ensign in the army 1914-18.
Prisoner of war in various prison camps in Siberia.
Resided in Harbin where his reputation was not good.
Came to Shanghai about 1930 for a few months.
Got into debt. Borrowed money from the Hungarian Relief Fund but never repaid the loan.
Returned to Harbin.

His activities of late are not known to Mr. Komor. Should any further information be required, Mr. Komor suggested that Mr. Van der Hoeven, Hon.-Consul for the Netherlands, Harbin, be communicated with.

There is nothing in Municipal Police records concerning Mark but it is known that he left Shanghai for Dairen on August 24, 1940, giving his Shanghai address as New Asia Hotel and his occupation as merchant.

BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
SHANGHAI.

17th September 1940.

Dear Mr. Yorke,

I understand that sometime in August enquiries were made at the Netherlands Consulate-General by the Special Branch regarding Janos MARK, a Hungarian national.

I should be grateful if you would let me have a copy of your report on this individual. Can you confirm whether he is at present in Shanghai as I understand he left Bangkok for Shanghai on or about 27th July last?

The Netherlands Consulate-General has kindly given us information regarding the issue of the new passport to Mark.

Yours sincerely,

Passport Control Officer.

R. W. Yorke, Esquire,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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